

# Cochise County

Program Year  
2010-2011

ARIZONA ADULT EDUCATION



Arizona  
Department of  
Education  
Adult  
Education  
Services

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*Adult Education  
delivers literacy  
services to  
out-of-school  
adults who are  
16 years of age  
and older and  
who are not  
enrolled in  
K-12 school.*

In Arizona, only providers who meet rigorous standards and produce positive student outcomes are funded. **Cochise College Adult Education** is the program certified to provide adult education throughout Cochise County. The Arizona Department of Education Adult Education Services allocated \$511,207 to Cochise County for adult education services for the Program Year 2010-2011.



## Cochise County's Adult Education **NEEDS**

Of the 128,560 people living in Cochise County, 76% (97,460) are 18 years old and older. Of that number, 17% (16,668) lack a high school credential. 7% (503) of 16 to 19 year olds are not enrolled in school and do not have a high school diploma.

5% of individuals 18 years and older (4,942) live in "linguistically isolated" households (*all members of the household 14 years and over have at least some difficulty with English*).

Source: American Community Survey 2005-2009

## Cochise County Adult Education **DATA**

- 544 adults enrolled in Adult Education classes
- 37,400 instructional hours were provided in Adult Education classes
- \$14.00 of Adult Education funding was expended per instructional hour
- \$940 of Adult Education funding was expended per adult student  
(compared to over \$5,300 funding per K-12 student)
- 63% of enrolled students improved more than two grade levels
- 81% who sought a high school equivalency credential passed the GED® Test and earned a diploma
- 94% who sought a job found employment
- 85% who sought to retain or improve employment were successful
- 98% who had a goal of entering post-secondary education or training went on to further education
- **GED® Testing Data:** 459 Arizona High School Equivalency Diplomas were issued.

**Cochise County** is home to a multi-year initiative that links Adult Education and Workforce Development. Starting in the 2007-2008 program year, Adult Education in Cochise County received five consecutive performance based funding awards. Cochise College has been awarded over \$400,000 to integrate Adult Education and Post-secondary training in the Allied Healthcare field for the residents of Cochise County. Lessons learned from the Cochise County model have been implemented in Arizona's current statewide initiative to build Adult Career Pathways in targeted industry sectors. Cochise continues its leadership in including private industry in their workforce development model.



Data provided by Arizona Department of Education-Adult Education Services  
[www.ade.az.gov/adult-ed](http://www.ade.az.gov/adult-ed)

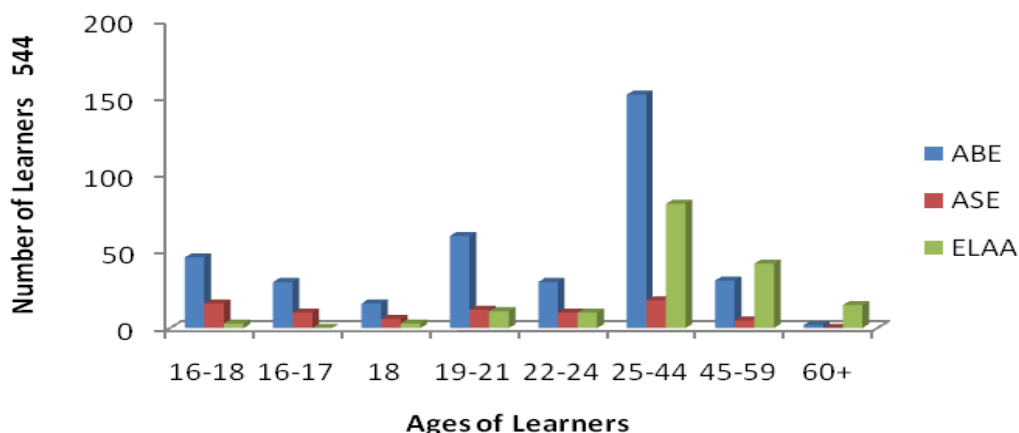
## SNAPSHOT: Adult Education in COCHISE County

- 20,422 students were enrolled in public pre-school through high school during the 2009-2010 school year. Cochise County reported 6,246 public high school (Grades 9-12) students and a dropout rate for grades 7-12 in 2007-2008 of 3%. ADE-AES served 198 people under the age of 25, of whom 75% (148) were between ages 16 and 21.
- 59% of the adults in Cochise County enrolling in Adult Education classes had reading, writing, and/or math proficiency skills at eighth grade or below.
- 46% of adult learners in Cochise County are between the ages of 25 and 44.
- 39% of adult learners in Cochise County are employed.
- 17% (16,668) of the population 18 and over representing child-bearing and employment ages in Cochise County have less than a high school education. The 2003 National Assessment of Adult Literacy research confirms that the educational attainment of the parents, particularly that of the mother, has a direct bearing on the educational achievement of a child.
- The U.S. Department of Labor-Bureau of Labor Statistics has determined the 2008 median annual earnings difference between no diploma and a high school credential to be \$8,580. The 459 individuals earning a GED® in Cochise County represent a potential increase in taxable income of approximately \$3,938,220 per year.



Improving an adult's skills in reading, writing and/or math **SIGNIFICANTLY** increases his/her earning potential & ultimate contributions as a member of the workforce, a family, and the community for a lifetime.

### Cochise County Adult Learners



- **ABE** = **Adult Basic Education** Instruction in reading, writing, & math through 8<sup>th</sup> grade level.
- **ASE** = **Adult Secondary Education** Instruction in reading, writing, math, science & social studies. May lead to a high school equivalency diploma.
- **ELAA** = **English Language Acquisition for Adults** Instruction in listening, speaking, reading & writing for non-native English speakers.

*EL/Civics – Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education is provided throughout Arizona Adult Education programming.*